

The Worship Service
Sunday, February 8, 2026

**YOU ARE
SALT & LIGHT**

Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Vision Statement

Shenkel United Church of Christ extends a heartfelt welcome to all unbound by physical structure or geography and grounded in creative worship, active spirituality, community action, love and service.

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

~Gathering Together~

Prelude "Elevation" (Guilmant)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

C: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn "God Speak To Me That I May Speak" (NCH#531)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.

We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions.

We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.

Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace.

Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

Special Music

Agnus Dei, Brian McShane, Vocalist, Sue Stultz, Flautist

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons Louise Hine

Isaiah 58:1-9

Psalms 112

Matthew 5:13-20

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "You Are Salt For The Earth, O People" (NCH#181)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People

Our Mother/Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by the name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts – Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel's ongoing ministries.
February's Special Offering – The Local Homeless Ministry

Offertory "You Servants of God" (arr. F Moyer)

Offering Response "God Of Change And Glory" (NCH#177)

**Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
in our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Word, one Spirit, one God known in many ways,
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!**

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn "You Are The Seed" (NHC#528)

Benediction

Postlude "Carry the Light" (Moylan)

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Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

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Organist: Susan Royer

Sexton: Stacy Keim

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Announcements:

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Sun, 2/8/26 ~ Reflective Worship Service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.

~ Traditionalish Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.

~ Chancel Choir rehearsal after worship service.

~ Annual Congregational Meeting after the Worship Services.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 2/15/26 ~ One Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Social Hall.

~ Chancel Choir rehearsal after worship service.

Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



Scripture Reading for February 15th

Tootie Hine

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 99

Matthew 17:1-9

Cluster donations for February: Canned chili and canned pasta (Chef Boyardee)

Annual Congregational Meeting: A pot luck luncheon, to be held immediately after late worship today. Agenda items include our end-of-year financials and submission of our Mission Statement for congregational approval.

Church Change Changes Churches: Tired of lugging around loose change? Donate it to Shenkel! You can put your change in one of two receptacles at the end of the back pews. We'll have a little contest to see which side of the sanctuary gives the most from 1/11/26 until Easter Sunday 4/5/26.

Qigong classes at Shenkel!: Thursday mornings 11AM-noon. No experience necessary--All are welcome! Suggested cost is \$12/class or come and pay what you're able. Cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us!

Grocery run? Consider using Giant and Redner's cards for your grocery store purchases: Shenkel earns \$5 for every \$100 on Giant and Redner's gift cards – which are available every week at church.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee will meet next on March 4th at 5:30 pm. The charge of the committee is to: find ways to increase much needed revenue, attract new members, and identify new ways to provide ministry. Please contact members of the committee with your thoughts. Committee members: Chris Gray, Dan Jenkins, Kim Yocom, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker.

Church School: Children from 3 years through grade 6 are invited to participate in church school on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. Our next church school is on 2/15/26.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 9:00 am on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Cameron Dushanko

Clay Zachesky

Stephanie Viti

Judy Miller

Birthdays in the month of February:

Britnee Sanseverino	2/2/26
Barry Miller	2/4/26
Jesse Painter	2/4/26
Sandra Peterman	2/5/26
Nicole Meehan	2/10/26
Doug Allen	2/11/26
Audrey Dyott	2/13/26
Lori Skulski	2/15/26
Bill Sanseverino	2/24/26
Erika Manetti	2/25/26
Gary McDermit	2/26/26
Kathy Murphy	2/27/26